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SUBJ: LABOR LEADER STORTI TO ANNOUNCE RETIREMENT FROM CISL

1. SUMMARY. BOTH PRESS AND CISL SOURCES REPORT THAT BRUNO STORTI, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC-DERIVED LABOR FEDERATION CISL, WILL ANNOUNCE TODAY TO THE CISL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE THAT HE WILL NOT SEEK RE-ELECTION AT THE 1977 CISL CONGRESS. IN FACT, STORTI MAY WELL LEAVE HIS POST WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE CONGRESS. HE IS SAID TO BE IN LINE FOR THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMICS AND LABOR (CNEL), A PRESTIGIOUS BUT LARGELY MORIBUND ORGANIZATION, SOMEWHAT ANALAGOUS IN ITS POTENTIAL ROLE WITH THE COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO SOURCES, A TOUGH BATTLE FOR THE SUCCESSION TO STORTI IS BEING WAGED BEHIND THE SCENES. THE CONTEST IS BETWEEN NATIONAL SECRETARY PIERRE CARNITI, 39, REPRESENTING CISL'S MILITANT WING, NOTABLY THE METAL AND CHEMICAL UNIONS, AND THE
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LOOSE STORTI-SARTORI COALITION WHICH HAS EMERGED IN RECENT MONTHS.

THE LATTER FACTION IS SEEKING TO DESIGNATE LUIGI MACARIO, 55, DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL, AS SUCCESSOR AT LEAST TEMPORARILY. NATIONAL SECRETARY FRANCO MARINI, 42, WOULD BE THE LONGER TERM CHOICE OF THIS GROUP. IT WOULD SURPRISE NO ONE, HOWEVER, IF MACARIO WERE TO MAKE SOME KIND OF DEAL WITH CARNITI, E.G., HAVE HIM DESIGNATED DEPUTY SEC GEN IN EXCHANGE FOR CARNITI'S SUPPORT AT THE NEXT CONGRESS, WITH THE PROMISE OF CARNITI'S SUCCESSION IN 1982.

3. THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS SAID TO BE THROWING ITS WEIGHT IN SUPPORT OF STOPPING CARNITI'S CANDIDACY. THOUGH HE HAS MODERATED CONSIDERABLY SINCE LEAVING THE TOP METAL WORKERS POST AND JOINING THE CISL SECRETARIAT, CARNITI IS NOT REGARDED AS A TRUE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT.

4. COMMENT. STORTI HAS HEADED CISL SINCE 1959. HIS MOTIVATION FOR ANNOUNCING HIS DEPARTURE FROM CISL AT THIS TIME MAY DERIVE FROM SEVERAL SOURCES. FOR ONE THING, THE CNEL JOB MAY MORE EASILY BE HIS WITH THE PRESENT ONE-PARTY GOVERNMENT THAN WOULD OTHERWISE BE THE CASE. THE POST HAS BEEN VACANT SINCE MID-1974. EFFORTS TO FILL IT HAVE FOUNDERED ON INTER-PARTY RIVALRIES. STORTI'S LEVERAGE FOR ACQUIRING THIS DESIRABLE SINECURE MAY WELL BE RESTRICTED TO THE BRIEF PERIOD REMAINING UNTIL THE DC CONGRESS: HE HAS ALIGNED HIMSELF FAIRLY CLOSELY WITH DC SECRETARY ZACCAGNIN WHO MAY NOT SURVIVE THE CONGRESS, AND STORTI'S BARGAINING POWER WOULD WANE ACCORDINGLY. THERE HAS BEEN A MILD REVIVAL OF TALK OF STORTI BECOMING THE DC CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR OF ROME IN THE CITY ELECTIONS DUE TO BE HELD LATER IN THE YEAR. HOWEVER, THE ROME DC MACHINERY IS IN THE HANDS OF ELEMENTS NOT PARTICULARLY FRIENDLY TO STORTI. STORTI AT 62 HAS PROBABLY GROWN TIRED OF THE CISL GAME, A FEELING PUNCTUATED NO DOUBT BY THE RUDE TREATMENT HE HAS INCREASINGLY BEEN RECEIVING AT THE HANDS OF LEFT MILITANTS IN RECENT PUBLIC APPEARANCES (ROME'S 2180). YET ANOTHER FACTOR MIGHT BE SOME FEAR THAT, IN THE CURRENT CLIMATE OF CLAMOROUS REVELATIONS IN THE US, HE COULD BECOME IMPLICATED. IN ANY EVENT, SHOULD STORTI TERMINATE HIS CISL STEWARDSHIP, A LENGTHY AND HIGHLY EPISODIC CHAPTER IN ITALIAN LABOR HISTORY WILL HAVE COME TO A CLOSE.

5. MARCARIO IS NO STORTI BY ANY MEANINGFUL SENSE, LACKING BOTH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STORTI'S CHARISMA AND HIS UNCANNY TALENT FOR SURVIVAL. MACARIO, PROBABLY SENSING STORTI'S DECISION TO RETIRE, HAS ASSIDUOUSLY CHANGED HIS IMAGE IN RECENT MONTHS. FORMERLY, HE ESPOUSED THE ROLE OF THE POLEMIC DC SPOKESMAN. HIS STEMWINDING PUBLIC SPEECHES SEEMED TO AROUSE LITTLE ENTHUSIASM, AND IN ANY EVENT THE ENTRY INTO THE SECRETARIAT OF CARNITI AND ERALDO CREA BROUGHT REAL EXPERT RHETORICIANS ON THE SCENE. FOR A TIME MACARIO SEEMED HEADED FOR A SINECURE OF HIS OWN, AS PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL

SOCIAL SECURITY ORGANIZATION INPS. HOWEVER, THIS POST WILL NOW
APPARENTLY GO TO CISL'S NATIONAL SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS, GIUSEPPE REGGIO. VOLPE

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